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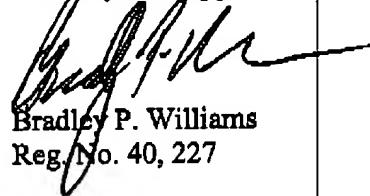
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge these fees and any extra fee or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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SYNCHRONOUS SWITCH AND METHOD FOR A TELECOMMUNICATION
NODE

5 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

 This application is related to copending U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 09/452,753, entitled "METHOD AND
SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS
10 TRAFFIC ON A SYNCHRONOUS BUS OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NODE, filed December 1, 1999; pending; U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 09/452,759; entitled "FUSED SWITCH
CORE AND METHOD FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NODE, issued
September 16, 2003; under U.S. Pat. No. 6,621,828;" U.S.
15 Patent Application Serial No. 09/452,746, entitled
"METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING SYNCHRONOUS AND
ASYNCHRONOUS TRAFFIC ON A BUS OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NODE, issued September 30, 2003; under U.S. Pat. No.
6,628,657;" U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
20 09/452,829, entitled "RATE ADJUSTABLE BACKPLANE AND
METHOD FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NODE, filed December 1,
1999; allowed;" U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
09/452,830, entitled "ASYNCHRONOUS TRANSFER MODE (ATM)
SWITCH AND METHOD FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NODE, filed
25 December 1, 1999; pending;" and U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 09/452,828, entitled "TIME SLOT INTERCHANGER
(TSI) AND METHOD FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NODE," filed
December 1, 1999, pending.

30 TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

 This invention relates generally to the field of
telecommunications, and more particularly to a
synchronous switch and method for a telecommunications
node.